

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (previously presented) A method for collecting legacy data from a legacy surveillance system in a non-intrusive manner and transmitting it to an intelligent surveillance system, comprising the steps of:
 - a. reading legacy output data generated by the legacy surveillance system;
 - b. transmitting the legacy output data to the intelligent surveillance system; and
 - c. managing the legacy output data via the intelligent surveillance system.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, including the step of assigning an identifier to the legacy output data for defining a type of legacy surveillance system.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the identifier also identifies a location of the legacy surveillance system.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reading step comprises reading the legacy output data on an RS232 output port of the legacy surveillance system.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reading step comprises reading the legacy output data on a serial output port of the legacy surveillance system.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the legacy surveillance system includes a processor having open connectivity to a database and wherein the reading step comprises reading the legacy output data in the database.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the intelligent surveillance system includes a server and wherein the legacy surveillance system is driven by legacy software, the method further including loading the legacy software in the intelligent surveillance system server and wherein the legacy output data is transmitted to the server and managed by the legacy software, and wherein the reading step includes reading the legacy output data transmitted to the server.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the legacy output data is transmitted in the transmitting step via Ethernet.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the intelligent surveillance system includes a camera activated by an event in a zone of the camera, and wherein an output signal from a the legacy surveillance system in the zone of the camera will activate the camera.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the intelligent surveillance system includes networked appliances responsive to an event, and wherein an output signal from a legacy device will activate an appliance response.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, including a plurality of legacy devices or legacy surveillance systems, each producing a unique legacy output signal, each of which is transmitted to the intelligent surveillance system in the transmitting step.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, including assigning a unique identifier to the legacy output data for defining each legacy device or legacy surveillance system.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein each unique identifier also identifies a unique location of the legacy device or legacy surveillance system.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, including a plurality of legacy systems, each system including a legacy device producing a legacy output signal, and wherein the plurality of legacy systems are not compatible with one another.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the legacy output signal is a printer port output signal.

16. (previously presented) An apparatus for collecting legacy data from a legacy surveillance system in a non-intrusive manner and transmitting it to an intelligent surveillance system, comprising:

- a. a server associated with the intelligent surveillance system;
- b. a legacy device having an output port through which a legacy output signal is transmitted; and
- c. a transmitter for transmitting the legacy output signal to the server.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the output port is a serial output port.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the output port is an RS232 port.

19. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the output port is a printer port.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the legacy device includes open connectivity to a legacy database and wherein the transmitter device receives the legacy output data from the legacy database.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the server is adapted for assigning an identifier to the legacy output signal for identifying the legacy device.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter is an Ethernet connection.

23. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the intelligent surveillance system includes networked appliances responsive to an event, and wherein an output signal from a legacy device will activate an appliance response.

24. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the intelligent surveillance system includes a camera activated by an event in a zone of the camera, and wherein an output signal from a legacy device in the zone of the camera will activate the camera.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, including a plurality of legacy devices, each producing a[n] unique legacy output signal, each of which is transmitted to the [networked] intelligent surveillance system by the transmitter.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein a unique identifier is assigned to each legacy output signal for defining each legacy device.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein each unique identifier also identifies a unique location of the legacy device.

28. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, including a plurality of legacy systems, each system including a legacy device producing a legacy output signal, and wherein the plurality of legacy systems are not compatible with one another.

29. (original) A method for capturing legacy data using a legacy serial output port, comprising:

testing an input port;

if legacy data is being received from the input port, testing a legacy serial output port;

testing a socket connection to a server;

determining if a log is open;

if the log is open, writing the data to the log;

writing the data to the output port; and

writing the data to the socket.

30. (original) A method for capturing legacy data using a legacy system computer, comprising:

reading a legacy database;

saving the read database in a legacy server;

if the database changes, logging the change;

checking a socket connection to the server; and

if the socket is connected to the server, writing the changes to the socket.

31. (original) A method for capturing legacy data using a legacy serial output port, comprising:

testing an input port;

if legacy data is being received from the input port, testing a legacy serial output port;

testing a socket connection to a server;

writing the data to the output port; and

writing the data to the socket.

32. (previously presented) A method for capturing legacy data from a legacy surveillance system, comprising:

capturing legacy device data in an intelligent surveillance system server;

creating a socket;

reading legacy data from the legacy surveillance system via the created socket; and

storing the legacy data in a database associated with the intelligent surveillance system server.

33. (previously presented) A method for managing legacy data from a legacy surveillance system, comprising:

receiving a legacy alert signal, from the legacy surveillance system, at an intelligent surveillance system server; and

zooming, by a camera, to a location of the alert based on a proximity of the camera to the location.